



Control Unit (C.U.), tubings and 3-cells probe to perform in situ Pressuremeter test in soils according to the ISO 22476-4 and ASTM D-4719-07 Standards.

TEST DESCRIPTION

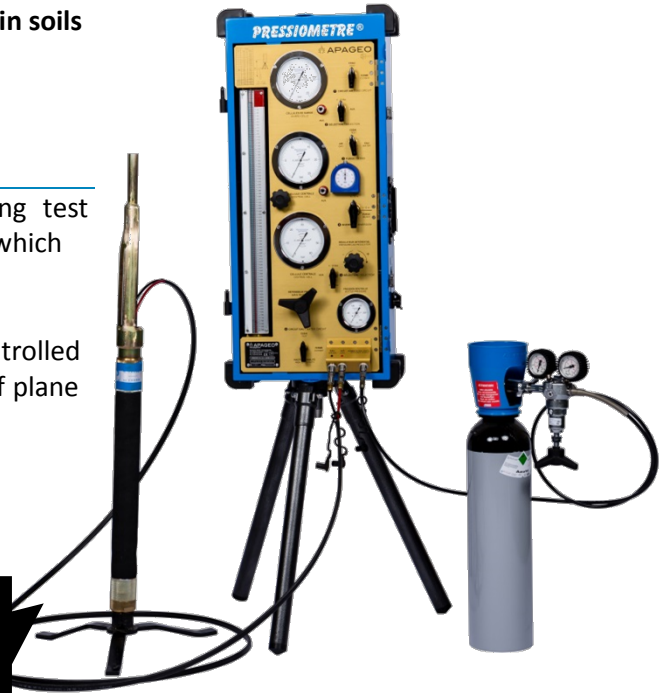
A Pressuremeter test is an in-situ stress controlled loading test performed on the wall of a borehole using a cylindrical probe which can expand radially.

From the test readings (volume variation based on controlled pressure), a stress-strain curve can be obtained, in the case of plane deformation, which yields :

- the Ménard Pressuremeter modulus E_m
- the creep pressure P_f
- the Menard limit pressure P_L

CU technical specifications

- Dimension : 86 x 43 x 26 cm (tripod height : 65 cm)
- Mass : 24.5 kg (tripod 3.5 kg)
- Aluminium box with protection cover
- Transport handle
- Tripod and level allowing adjustment of verticality on all sites



EQUIPMENT

The Control Unit

Equipped with devices to precisely regulate the pressure applied to the probe and to read its volume changes with pressure increments and time. A nitrogen cylinder provides the pressure source. The box stands on a tripod.

It includes a 800 cm³ volumeter with a sight tube, a main pressure regulator, a differential pressure regulator, pressure gauges 0-2,5 and 0-60 bar for measuring and guard cells (100 bar in additional for weak rock tests), and the necessary valves and couplings.

The plastic tubing

This coaxial or twin tubing, flexible, high resistance with small dilatation, connects the probe to the monitoring box.

The 3-cell probe

It includes a central measuring cell, filled with water. Its volume changes are read on the Control Unit volumeter. The probe is totally protected by a rubber cover (different types regarding soils stiffness) which is inflated by the gas to form the 2 guard cells. Pressures applied to the 3 cells are balanced through the differential pressure regulator to ensure a true cylindrical deformation along the measuring cell.

TEST PROCEDURE

The borehole is drilled so as to minimize wall disturbance and keep a cavity diameter compatible with the probe size. The probe is lowered into the borehole to the required test depth and the pressure is applied by equal increments. Pressure and volume readings are taken on the Control Unit.

In gravely soils and/or under water table level where the borehole would cave-in, the probe can be inserted in a specially designed slotted tube which is hammered or vibrodriven into the soil. Used without acquisition, the C.U. meets the requirements of the ISO 22476-4 standard part A.



TEST TREATMENT

Test Data can be processed by our software GeoVISION®

GeoSPAD 2

GENERAL PRESENTATION

GeoSPAD[®] allows the **acquisition of Pressumeter data** via the central unit for soil investigation GeoBOX[®]. This system displays the conduct of pressuremeter tests and **automatically records the conditions and data** of these tests.

GeoSPAD[®] 2 system is integrated into Ménard pressuremeters which keep their full performance range whether or not they are used with GeoSPAD[®] 2.

GeoSPAD[®] 2 is a waterproof box including 2 pressure sensors of 0-100 bar and a magnetostrictive sensor for volume (ultrasonic technology sensor on demand).

➔ **New : recording of the cyclic tests**



Geospad[®] 2 is a unique system, **fully integrated** into the Ménard Pressuremeter, which sends data directly to your GeoBOX[®]: **reducing both material tidiness and installation time**. It is **user-friendly**, and totally **compatible** with pressuremeters already equipped with sensors.

SET UP



Conformed to procedure B of ISO 22476-4 standard, recordings are automatically carried out after 1, 15, 30 and 60 seconds with optimized accuracy: 0,1 cm³ on the volume and 10 kPa on the pressures.

GeoBOX[®] shows the curve of the data during the test, allowing instant display of test results. The pressure of the central cell and differential pressure, volume $\Delta V_{60/30}$ and $\Delta V_{60/60}$, the number of level and time are also displayed during the execution of the test.



TEST TREATMENT

Data transfer and test analysis on GeoVISION[®] via USB key or GPRS system (option)